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CUG NEWS

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NIGHT-TIME P.O.D.'s

The Computer Users' Group is pleased to present, once again, night-time P.O.D.s at Sir George. (P.O.D. stands for Programmer On Duty -- someone to help you with programming problems if you're really stuck) The service is being offered from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM from Monday to Friday. P.O.D.'s live in room H-908. If you would like to know who is helping you, here is the present schedule -

Monday - Dave Parks / Ken Rother
Tuesday - Ron Shutler
Wednesday - Martin Chan / Richard Farrell
Thursday - Nelson Asinowski
Friday - Franco Carlacci

Remember that these people are volunteers (they don't get paid) so treat them with kindness.

BY-ELECTION

It is with sadness that we announce that our treasurer, Ken Rother, will be leaving our executive. He has accepted a full-time job and as a result has resigned from our executive. This means that we will be holding a by-election on Monday and Tuesday, October 19th and 20th. Written nominations must be handed in to the C.U.G. office (H-983) by Friday, October 16th. If you decide to run, your campaign begins as soon as you hand in your nomination.

OFFICIAL APOLOGY

The Computer Users' Group would like to take this opportunity to apologize for any inconvenience it has caused by misspelling the word by-election. Due to a clerical error, the initial notices of the by-election used the spelling "bye-election". We have received numerous complaints and the situation has since been rectified. We promise that this will never happen again.

NEW TERMINALS

Yes, there are more terminals coming to the Hall building. Here's what the latest picture looks like:

There will be four CRTs installed in room H-906 (the room right next to the P.O.D. office) plus one CRT installed in the P.O.D. office. This would be for the PODs to consult for specific problems and to do their own work if it's a slow day.

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS
1455 DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD. WEST
MONTREAL, QUEBEC H3G 1M8

Also, expect to see about three CRTs installed in room H-968. This room was formerly reserved for only Computer Science students. However, the Computer Centre offered to install terminals there on the condition that it was opened to all computer users. The Computer Science Department balked at this idea since it would mean losing some of their control over that room. (Rooms are hard to come by in the Hall building.) Fortunately, a compromise was reached and now the Decwriters already there will soon be equipped with stickers indicating that they are for Computer Science students only. Let's hear it for compromise!

When you ask?? The terminals are presently on order so they should be here in about a month.

Seminar Schedule for October

CUG SEMINARS LIVE! If you intend to take any of the seminars listed below please send a letter to our account (CCUSC51). We need this information to arrange for the number of handouts and chairs required.

Topic	Date	Time	Campus	Room
Editor (NTXED)	Thu October 15	3:00	Loyola	RF-322
Intro to Timesharing	Tue October 20	6:00	SGW	H-333-6
Editor (FIX)	Wed October 21	3:00	Loyola	RF-322
Editor (FIX)	Thu October 22	3:00	SGW	H-333-6
Editor (NTXED)	Wed October 28	3:00	SGW	RF-322

We Want You

If you have any knowledge of the topics listed below and have 1 hour this semester to spare then why don't you become a seminar lecturer. CUG will arrange for the room, advertising, handouts and any reference material that you may need. In return you get the knowledge that you have helped your fellow student, a Beautiful certificate of merit, a little something for your resume and a warm feeling in your heart. Don't hesitate. Send a letter today to our account=CCUSC51 or contact Harold Parnigoni at CUG (879-7329).

List of Seminar Topics

- Intro to Timesharing
- Text Processing (FORMAL)
- Editor (FIX)
- Editor (NTXED)
- Intro to APL
- Intro to SPSS
- NOS CCL (control language)

BITS

- FIX is in need of repair. The popular text editor has been moved from its previous home in MUTE to a new subsystem called "GONZO"

(what is this, the Muppet Show?). Unfortunately, GONZO is not so great. Solutions are forthcoming, but in the meantime, replace frequently and pray. The only light at the end of the tunnel is the vague mention of "coming full-screen editors". It's about time. This is your host, Kermit thee Frog.....

- We've recently received a couple of nice letters about our CUG guide, one each from CUSA and the Centre. Aw, gee, folks, it was nothing.... (but you can always throw money)

- The Centre has announced that it will not be announcing any upgrades this year. Wonderful. If the system behaves the way it does (or doesn't) without being upgraded, imagine the fun we'd have if it were....

- After a year at 879-7380, the Cyber has returned home to 879-7366. This is due to the fact that our one Modcomp is now being used for both computers. As most of you undoubtedly know, students are not allowed access to the dial-up lines during "business hours". What you may not know is that if you're willing to part with $25 a month, you may use the phone lines to your heart's content (always assuming you can get a line...). For this nominal fee, the Centre will rent you a bit in your status word which will tell the computer NOT to kick you off (thanks, Rene.) You can pay for as little as one month at a time. Now if only I could afford a terminal so I can stop whistling into the phone....

- The Centre persists in using Lanparscope XT-50 terminals in the Cluster Room and other locations. Some of these are fast becoming unusable due to bbboouunnnnccccccyyyy keyboards. Be warned!